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SUBJ: DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE (DBS) WORKING GROUP:

POLITICAL- LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. DBS WORKING GROUP DEVOTED BULK OF ITS JUNE 21 PROCEEDINGS TO DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION ON SECTION OF DRAFT REPORT TITLED " POLITICAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS." COMBINATION OF CORRIDOR DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS FROM FLOOR EVENTUALLY PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON MOST INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS; USDEL WAS ABLE THROUGH- OUT TO PRESERVE OUR POSITION QUESTIONING CURRENT NEED FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PRINCIPLES OR LEGAL RULES GOVERN- ING DBS. JAPANESE FULLY SUPPORTED THIS POSITION AND IN SOME INSTANCES TOOK LEAD IN ASSERTING IT. UK AND BELGIUM WERE ALSO HELPFUL IN THIS CONNECTION. USSR LED ADVOCATES OF OPPOSITE VIEWPOINT, SEEKING TO INSERT STATEMENTS OF URGENT NEED FOR LEGALLY BINDING DBS REGULATION. OTHERS, E. G. CANADA, MAINTAINED VIEWPOINT THAT PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE INITIAL OBJECTIVE. NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS REFLECT LACK OF CONSENSUS WITHIN WG ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIC ISSUE.

2. IMPASSE DEVELOPED OVER FINAL PARAGRAPH OF SECTION INTENDED TO SUMMARIZE ESSENTIAL INTERESTS INVOLVED IN

QUESTION OF DBS PRINCIPLES. BRAZIL, USSR AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS WANTED FORMULATION RECORDING WG 'S VIEW THAT SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES REPRESENTED PREEMINENT INTEREST. US MAINTAINED THAT EQUAL ACCOUNT HAD TO BE TAKEN OF OTHER RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. QUESTION WAS LEFT OPEN OVERNIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION.

3. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS FAILED TO PRODUCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROPONENTS OF DIFFERING PROPOSALS CONCERNING FUTURE WORK OF WG ( USUN 2316). INTERESTED DELS WILL TRY AGAIN JUNE 22 A. M. CANADIANS ARGUED PRIVATELY THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD THEIR FORMULATION, AT LEAST TO EXTENT THAT POLITICAL- LEGAL PROBLEMS ARE MADE PRIMARY FOCUS AT NEXT WG SESSION, IS NECESSARY TO FORESTALL SOVIET WITHDRAWAL OF AGREEMENT TO RECOMMEND RECONVENING WG. THIS, CANADIANS ASSERT, WOULD MEAN USSR MOVE TO PLACE WHOLE MATTER BEFORE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE WITH MANDATE TO ELABORATE PRINCIPLES; CANADIANS ( AND SWEDES) ESTIMATE THAT SOVS HAVE VOTES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IN UNGA REGARDLESS OF WHAT ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN WG OR OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE.  
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